

You'll always find something special at

FELIX LEWIS

"That is not exaggerated Not at all exaggerated ... Every word of it is true"

Felix Lewis 7 Fore Street, Budleigh Salterton Telephone : (03954) 3 9 5 4

Lesley's

Traditional Kigh Class Stationers



49 High Street

Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

EX9 6LE

——JwP——— John W. Palmer

Estate Agents
Funeral Directors
Building Contractors
Central Heating Engineers
Electrical Engineers
Light and Lamp Shop

45-47 High Street Budleigh Salterton Devon EX9 6LF Tel: (03954) 2252

3 lines

J.R.CLARKE DISPENSING CHEMIST

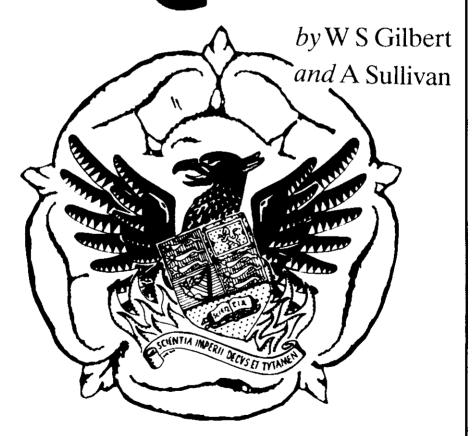
24 hr Printing and Developing Service,

Large range inexpensive fashion jewellery.

Good selection Perfumes, talcs, soaps, hair products

38 High St, Budleigh Salterton 5848. IMPERIAL COLLEGE OPERATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

The Degmen of the Guard



Production Director — Peter Mills

Musical Director - Richard James

Connection's



5 Chapel Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6LX Telephone 03954-6221

Ray and Gill Rust

The Crusty Rolle

4a Fore Street . Budleigh Salterton DEVON . EX9 6NG Telephone : 5044

Come to us for all your bread & confectionery.

Sandwiches, filled rolls, pasties and sausage rolls available daily.

Fresh cream cakes every Friday and Saturday.

Celebration cakes made to order.

THE BOOKSHELF, 17 HIGH ST, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

New books, hardbacks & paperbacks;
Book Tokens sold & exchanged and we will "Post-a-book" for you too.

(Tel: 5486)



LADIES' FASHIONS
MARGARET & TONY BENNETT

30 FORE STREET, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON, DEVON.EX9 6NH

TELEPHONE
BUDLEIGH SALTERTON 6262

TOUR 1988 CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the show!

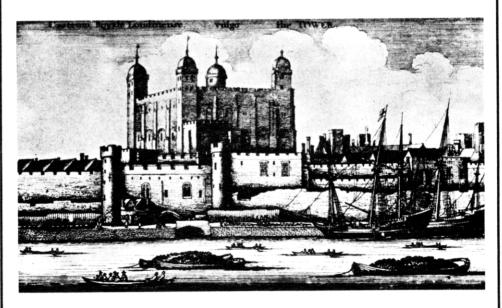
Tonight's show is a double celebration. Not only is 1988 the centenary of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard", but it is also ICOS's 21st consecutive visit to Budleigh Salterton. For although ICOS's first ever "tour" was in 1965 (when they visited Folkestone and Bristol), 1968 was their first visit to Salterton.

ICOS always look forward to coming to East Devon. You must realise that the organisation of such a venture — bringing about 80 people here for two weeks — requires a lot of hard work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have worked so hard to make this show happen, people on the committee from London and also our many local friends. Thank you, your help is really appreciated. Most of all, I would like to thank you, the audience, for your support, and I hope that you enjoy tonight's performance — here's to the next 21 years.

John Tripp (Tour Chairman, 1988)

ICOS Charity Concert

ICOS will hold their traditional concert of light classical music at St Peters Church, Budleigh Salterton on Sunday 31st July at 3.00pm. A collection will be made in aid of charity.



The Tower in Stuart Times from an etching by Hollar.



JACK POINT William White



ELSIE MAYNARD Elizabeth Elliott



COLONEL FAIRFAX Dave Tonnison



WILFRED SHADBOLT Clive Paget



DAME CARRUTHERS Georgia Paget



LIEUTENANT Adam Craske



SERGEANT MERYLL Tim Sawers



PHOEBE MERYLL Catherine Kelleher



LEONARD MERYLL Ed Mulligan



FIRST YEOMAN Ian Ellery



KATE Cecilia Nevill



SECOND YEOMAN John Tripp

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

SIR RICHARD CHOLMONDELEY (Lieutenant of the Tower)	Adam Craske
COLONEL FAIRFAX (under sentence of death)	Tim Sawers
LEONARD MERYLL (his son)	Ed Mulligan
JACK POINT (a Strolling Jester)	William White
WILFRED SHADBOLT (Head Jailer and Assistant Tormentor)	Clive Paget
THE HEADSMAN	Ian Cairns
FIRST YEOMAN	Ian Ellery
SECOND YEOMAN	John Tripp
FIRST CITIZEN	Mike Dobson
SECOND CITIZEN	
ELSIE MAYNARD (a Strolling Singer) PHOEBE MERYLL (Sergeant Meryll's daughter) DAME CARRUTHERS (Housekeeper to the Tower) KATE (her Niece)	Cathy KelleherGeorgia Paget

SCENE

Act I — TOWER GREEN BY DAY Act II — TOWER GREEN BY NIGHT

There will be an Interval of twenty minutes between Acts. Refreshments will be available.

CHORUS OF YEOMEN OF THE GUARD, GENTLEMEN, CITIZENS ETC

Jo Claydon Sally Donegani Sue Foister Janina Kaminska Hilary Lonsdale Jan Mills Katherine Mottley Barbara O'Neill Gillian Sturcke Barbara Tansey Nici Tansey John Dickinson Mike Dobson Ian Ellery Daniel Glum Phil Hollman Nick Keay Andrew Larkins Tom Monk Peter Murphy John Tripp

21 YEARS IN BUDLE

THE EARLY YEARS

by Robin White — Musical Director 1964—1970

This society originated c.1956 in an appropriately unlikely fashion — as a vehicle for Imperial College Orchestra to accompany! Thus it began as a subsection of the officially-recognised I.C. Music Society; most of its members also belonged to I.C. Choir: an excellent body conducted then — as now — by Eric Brown. In this form it gave one G. & S. performance a year in the 'Concert Hall' on the 2nd floor of I.C. Union; various producers were used, and the M.D. was the music master from Alleyne's School, Dulwich (south London) — Frank Kennard, who was the regular conductor of I.C. Orchestra.

Male chorus and principals (apart, sometimes, from the tenor lead) were I.C. students; female principals tended to be imported from the music colleges — there was inevitably some discontent at this. The girls' chorus came from all the surrounding colleges, and included bi-lingual

secretaries & cookery students!

The impression of those of us who joined in 1963/64 was of a considerable potential, as yet unrealised. The M.D. (no personal malice, I assure you!) accepted a mediocre standard from the chorus, and his rehearsals were mostly a 'bash-through'. The productions varied in standard, but then there was no budget for a professional producer (though there was for the M.D.) The trouble with automatically using I.C. Orchestra was not its standard but its incompleteness—again, nobody thought of 'stiffening' from outside. Finally, the society's excellent reputation as a social gathering meant, inevitably, that that was how it was principally regarded—provided the productions were 'O.K.' that was all that mattered.

At this stage a number of us decided that things could, and should, be changed. In particular, we were spurred on by the (then) much higher standard of the University of London Opera Group — who, moreover, managed to mount 3 shows a year! They were known, amongst other things, to have tried a summer 'tour' production: this sounded like a good idea to us. Thus our 1964—65 season consisted of: February production — Iolanthe — at I.C. with a visiting producer and M.D. (I was the assistant), and a correctly-proportioned orchestra of 25 — the best of I.C. plus Royal College of Music Students (to whom 'expenses' were paid!). This was followed by a summer production of the Mikado, given for a week in Folkestone (great success) followed by a week in Bristol (disaster, audience-wise). This proved to be to I.C.O.S. what the Brownsea Island camp was to the Boy Scout Movement; the beginning of a whole new era, and the direct antecedent of the now famous Budleigh Salterton productions.

The 21 Years

1968 Iolanthe 1969 The Mikado

1970 The Pirates of Penzance

1971 The Gondoliers 1972 The Sorcerer 1973 Ruddigore

1974 H.M.S. Pinafore & Trial by Jury

1975 Patience

1976 The Pirates of Penzance & The Zoo

1977 The Yeomen of the Guard

1978 Iolanthe

1979 Princess Ida 1980 The Mikado

1981 H.M.S. Pinafore & Trial by Jury

1982 Utopia Ltd 1983 The Gondoliers

1984 The Pirates of Penzance & The Zoo

1985 The Sorcerer 1986 The Mikado 1987 Patience

1988 The Yeomen of the Guard

LEIGH SALTERTON

THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY

The Imperial College Operatic Society was formed thirty two years ago in 1956 as a section of the Imperial College Music Society, which included the choir and orchestra. Their first production was a Victorian Melodrama.

After nine years of performing shows at college a two-week tour was arranged to Folkestone and Bristol. The audience numbers at Bristol were disappointingly small, but after a successful week at Folkestone, the Society returned for two weeks the following year. Accommodation was in a group of caravans on the 'Happy Day Caravan Site'! Audience numbers were not sufficient to warrant shows for two weeks, so the following year the Society stayed "at home" and staged a concert performance at the Royal College of Music. In this same year the Society became independent from the Music Society.

Eager to venture further afield again, the Society arranged to tour Salisbury and Lyme Regis, but at the last moment the Lyme Regis arrangement fell through due to the theatre being booked for Bingo! Fortunately the Public Hall at Budleigh Salterton was available and so the first of the now famous 'Budleigh' tours took place. Although enthusiastically received at Salisbury, audiences were small; the week at Budleigh, however, was such a success that the Society has

returned ever since.

One major problem of organizing tours is the provision of accommodation for the company. At Salisbury an old disused boys' boarding school 8 miles away at Cholderton was available. Although in a dilapidated condition, the school was one of the most enjoyable forms of accommodation, with not only numerous pianos but even an old London Transport bus which was repaired (by I.C. engineers of course) and driven round the grounds! After a mid-tour party, during which several people decided to visit Stonehenge at midnight, the cast moved to the Church Hall in Salterton. This was very convenient for the Public Hall, but with the large numbers in the company, by now around seventy, it was quite a squeeze to fit everyone in. For the next and subsequent tours the A.T.C. and Guide Huts solved the accommodation problem. In 1977, however, the company moved to the adjacent Primary School. In those days the society was fortunate enough to be able to use the shower facilities of the Football and Tennis Clubs, and many local residents made kind offers of baths which were gratefully accepted by the cast (particularly the women). As showering grew in popularity so we turned to Rolle College in Exmouth, and a minibus full of people with soap and towels was a regular sight. In the last few years, however, we have lived in luxury since the school now has showers with wonderful amounts of hot water. Over the years one can be sure that if nothing else, the cleanliness of the cast has improved!

The disappointment of Salisbury (1968) led to a decision to perform in Pinhoe near Exeter for the first week of the '69 tour. The company could thus live in Budleigh for the entire two weeks with just the scenery being moved during the middle weekend. It was during this tour that the first men landed on the moon. Thanks to the loan of a television, a relay of watchers stayed up until 4am in order to alert the remainder of the Company who wished to watch this historical event.

The following year it was decided to try a new venue for the first week — Street in Somerset — but plans fell through and the Society returned to Pinhoe. This year saw the first concert in St. Peter's Church during the middle weekend. It started as a concert for singers and piano, but has developed to include full scale choral excerpts, symphonies and concertos. Members are thus given a chance to perform in more unfamiliar roles. The collections from these concerts are given to various charities.

A concert on that Saturday inevitably created difficulties in transferring scenery, and much extra work for the Stage Crew in re-assembling and relighting the set. The outcome was a decision to stay both weeks in Budleigh Salterton — a decision not regretted.

And so we began.

"A Genuine English Opera"

Sir Arthur Sullivan wrote in his diary for Christmas Day 1887: "Gilbert read the plot of the new piece (the Tower of London): immensely pleased with it. Pretty story, no topsy-turvydom, very human and funny also". The Yeomen of the Guard, as the piece was later re-titled, was a deliberate attempt on W.S.Gilbert's part to produce a libretto both romantic and dramatic, and a "consistent and effective story", as he called it.

It is quite unlike the other Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas in that it does not rely on farce, paradox or contemporary satire, and allows some real development in its main characters. In Jack Point, Gilbert created a spokesman for himself and all professional funny-men; the real, vulnerable person behind the grinning mask. Phoebe Meryll must be the most positive and independent-minded of all Gilbert's heroines (significantly, though, her story ends without the reward of her true love). And the heroic Fairfax does not emerge as quite the conventional romantic hero we are led to expect: there is something a little too heartless in his manipulation of the people who care for him.

A uniformed male chorus (in this case the Yeomen themselves) is a frequent feature of Savoy Operas; but here, instead of being figures of fun, they embody stolid Victorian virtues like patriotism, reliability and courage. At the same time they are not remarkably effective as jailers; and Gilbert's constant use of the phrase "brave men" in connection with them and Fairfax

perhaps implies that bravery in itself may not be enough.

The claustrophobic location of the opera within the walls of the Tower — both prison and symbol of national pride — intensifies the unfolding personal dramas of the characters. The Tower is a village-like community of those who live and work there: it has rituals, everyday life, and a grisly purpose too. There is little to be gained by analysing the shaky historical accuracy of the libretto: the important thing is that the opera is set "in history", in some kind of "good old days", when life was cruel at times but people were resourceful and lived it to the full.

Both Gilbert and Sullivan came to consider The Yeomen of the Guard their finest work, and after the first performance (on 3rd October 1888 at the Savoy Theatre), the Daily Telegraph agreed. Its review placed Yeomen on "a higher plane" than Sullivan's "previous efforts of this particular kind". "It was", continued the critic, "a genuine English opera".

We hope that you enjoy our production at least as much as we have enjoyed preparing it for you.

Peter Mills



DIRECTOR Peter Mills



MUSICAL DIRECTOR Richard James

THE ORCHESTRA

Leader: Rachel Boyfield

Violins

Rachel Boyfield

Julian Boyfield Jo Last

Mac Newton Kirsty Robertson

Barbara Steel

Violas

Sue Gowland Anne Lovely

Rachel Spence

Violoncello

Emma Leaman-Brown

Chris Dare

Double Bass

Maureen Stevens

Horns

Tim Jones

Tim Jones

Trumpets

Flutes

Cliff Parker

Chris Turtupple

Michael Taylor

Gavin Harrison

Clarinets
ones Andrew Power

John Mackay

Cathy Stroud

Bassoon

Oboe

Dave Thorpe

Trombones

Coline Parker

Brendan Peilow

Percussion

Brian Steel

Peter Mills - Director

Peter first came to Budleigh Salterton in 1971 to play the Duke of Plaza Toro in *The Gondoliers*. He has been a frequent visitor ever since as, among others, Bunthorne, John Wellington Wells, Sir Joseph Porter, and Robin Oakapple. He directed *Pirates of Penzance* here in 1976, and after a ten-year gap returned to the Society to direct *The Mikado* and *Patience* in the last two years. This is his first *Yeomen*.

Peter's next project after *Yeomen* is two weeks on the fringe of the Edinburgh Festival playing Thomas Hardy. On normal days, however, he is a lecturer in Drama, and lives in Hertfordshire with his wife and daughter.

Richard James - Musical Director

Richard James started conducting at the Royal College of Music with Alasdair Graham and Norman Del Mar: during his last two years at the R.C.M. he was Musical Director of ICOS conducting "The Sorcerer", and "Ruddigore" in London, and "The Mikado", "Trial by Jury" and "HMS Pinafore" in Salterton.

He then went to live and work in the North West, conducting, playing the piano and teaching in the Chester/Manchester area. In 1986 he was one of the four finalists in the Sainsbury's Young Choral Conductor of The Year Award.

Having now returned to the South of England, Richard has retied the bonds with ICOS conducting "Patience" in Budleigh Salterton last year and returning this year to conduct "The Yeomen of the Guard".

FOR THE COMPANY

Stage Manager Stage Crew	Ian Cairns Andy Potter Iain White Brendan Peilow
	Isabella Corble
Set Built by the Stage Crew and Members of the Cast	
Set Designer	Greg Tansey
Stage Electrician	Ken Haley
Properties	John Dickinson
Front of House Manager	Colin Rozario
Front of House Staff	Oscar Sooneius
	Dan Hurn
	Kate Cowmint
	Thomas Uffnooner
	Rebecca James
Wardrobe Mistresses	Cecilia Nevill
	Irianwen Rees
Make-Up	Georgia Paget
Programme and Publicity Design	Adam Craske
Advertising and Publicity	Jo Claydon
Band Fixer	Andrew Power
Rehearsal Accompanist	
Subscribing Members Secretary	
Anner in the Literature of Actions 1	

ICOS also wishes to thank the following:

Budleigh Salterton Town Council, Tourist Information, The B.S. Drama Club, The Scouts, Toc.H, St. Peter's School, The Red Cross, The Friendly Teapot, Sandra George, Peggy Manicom, Walter Plinge, Budleigh Salterton Chamber of Commerce and the Hurdy-Gurdy Entertainments Co.

In Celebration of 21 years in Budleigh Salterton

IMPERIAL OPERA AND IMPERIAL COLLEGE OPERATIC SOCIETY

Present

ST GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

(Told in the words and music of Gilbert and Sullivan)

Written and Produced by Ian Gledhill Musical Director Michael Withers

In the Public Hall, Budleigh Salterton December 10th 1988. Matinee and Evening performances.

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP

Subscribing Members of the Society enjoy advanced booking facilities and slightly reduced ticket prices in return for an annual subscription payable on 1st January. You may become a Subscribing Member simply by completing the application form, (available at the back of the hall following this performance).

The Society welcomes several new Subscribing Members this year. To those and all our existing members we wish to extend our warmest thanks for your support of the Society and for being such marvellous audiences.

MAC Newton Subscribing Members Secretary.

Mrs E H Price

1987—1988 Membership Includes

Miss J Affleck Mr & Mrs V Arthur Mrs G F Ashton Mrs M D Aucott Mrs A C Baker Mr & Mrs H A R Barnett Mr & Mrs G Barnwell Mr G M Barris Mr & Mrs R S Bayliss Mr & Mrs P F R Beards Mr & Mrs E R Beecher Miss J D Beer Mr & Mrs O B T Bennett Mrs R I Rennett Mr & Mrs D A Blundell Mr & Mrs G M Bowstead Mr & Mrs J E Brenan Mr J B Bunting Mr & Mrs F Burch Mrs V Butler Mr & Mrs S Cann Mr R C Carroll Mr & Mrs L Casbon Mr & Mrs A H Causon Mr & Mrs Cavanagh Mrs P Charlton Mrs M C Child Miss P M Cholmeley Mrs H E Cochrane Mr & Mrs H J Codrington Mr & Mrs J Cook Mr D A Cooke Mr & Mrs D R Coombes Mr & Mrs E R Cooper Miss J Councell Mr & Mrs H G Crundwell Mr & Mrs J Curtis Mr & Mrs W T Daniel Mrs M W Dennis Mr & Mrs R Dean Mr & Mrs P Deller Mr, Mrs & Miss K B Derwin Miss J Eborall Mr & Mrs A D Edmonston Mr & Mrs D Edmund Mr & Mrs T F Edwards Mrs A Ellson Miss W F Evans Mr & Mrs D G Fletcher Mr & Mrs J M Flower Mr & Mrs W V Forsaith Mrs George Mr & Mrs Gardner Revd. & Mrs D Gardner Mr & Mrs D Gillard Mr & Mrs J Gilmore Mr & Mrs E Goddard

Mrs M Godfrey Mr & Mrs R E Gove Mr & Mrs A G Gowen Brigadier & Mrs R H Green Mr & Mrs W E Haines Mr & Mrs L R Hammond Dr Robert & Dr Mary Hart Miss D J Harvey-Williams Mrs K M Hawkes Mr & Mrs J E Haves Mr & Mrs G L Hayhurst Mr & Mrs J T Hickey Mr & Mrs S F Hore Miss R M Hore Mr & Mrs J Howell Mr R Howell Mrs Hull Mr & Mrs B Hutchesson Mr & Mrs A R Hutchins Mr & Mrs Jeffs Mr & Mrs L W Johnson Mr & Mrs F W Kellaway Mr & Mrs W Knowles Mr. Mrs & Miss S J Lander Mr & Mrs C H R Lane Mrs P M Lawrie Mr H A B Lee Mr R C Letheren Mr & Mrs L A Lewington Mrs A Lvnn Mr & Mrs J T Mack Mr & Mrs E A G Maeer Mr & Mrs Mason Mr & Mrs F Maule Mr & Mrs J E Marriott Mr & Mrs S E Marsden Mrs McMullen Mr & Mrs Medina Mrs M Meredith Mr & Mrs F Mills Mrs P Mills Mr & Mrs D Money Mr & Mrs N G Morris Mr & Mrs J Murdock Mrs N Murphy Mr & Mrs G Needham Mr & Mrs B Nicholson Mr & Mrs M Nowell Mrs S Nuttall Mr & Mrs I Paris Major & Mrs A D Parsons Mr & Mrs G Partridge Mr A W Paterson Mr & Mrs G D Paver Mr Derek Pedder Mr & Mrs Penman Mr & Mrs G H & C L Perrins Mr & Mrs B G Perry Mr & Mrs G Pike

Rev. V J Poulton

Mr D C & Mrs K S C Prout Miss G Pryer Mr & Mrs N L Pullin The Revd. A W & Mrs Purdie Mr & Mrs T A Pvne Mr & Mrs J Radford Capt and Mrs P N V Rewell Mr & Mrs S Revnolds Mr & Mrs A J Roper Mr & Mrs M J Rowley Mr & Mrs E Ryall Mr W Sake ARCA Lady D G Scott Mr & Mrs S Schofield Mr & Mrs P Y Shackleford Mr & Mrs D Sharpless Mr & Mrs D Sibley Mr & Mrs P Simmonds Mr & Mrs S Skudder Mr & Mrs C Smith Mr & Mrs C W Smith Mrs W A Smith Miss J Snow Mrs M Snow Mrs J C Spalton Mr & Mrs E G Sparke Mrs M M Sparkes Mr & Mrs T W Sparrow Mrs C A Steele Mr & Mrs R S Stevens Colonel & Mrs R J Stewart Mr & Mrs F L Stobbs Major & Mrs A Stone Mr & Mrs B Taylor Mrs F D Taylor Miss R W Tett Mr & Mrs A Theobald Mr & Mrs J Thomson Mr & Mrs W R Trigger Mr & Mrs R P Trollope Mr & Mrs C Trusler Misses A M & E M Tucker Mr Turner Miss F M Tylor Mr & Mrs R P Usherwood Mr & Mrs K Wadlan Mr Michael Walters Mrs R St John Watkin Mrs W K Welch Mrs E M White Mrs M Whiteley Mrs L Wilkes Mr & Mrs E Wilkins Mr & Mrs J Wilson Rev. R J & J Wood Mr & Mrs J Wood Mr R Woodward Mr & Mrs G E Yonge

W.W.DANIEL & SON

We can conjure up all sorts of...

BEACH SHOES KNITTING WOOLS HABERDASHERY LADIES WEAR

AND MANY OTHER ITEMS.
HIGH STREET

The Friendly Teapot



Budleigh Salterton Telephone: 2371

COFFEE & CAKES, LIGHT LUNCHES AFTERNOON TEAS

NO SMOKING

- ☆ Vegetarian Whole Foods
- ☆ Traditional Gifts and Toys

OPEN 10.00am - 5.30pm Monday to Saturday Sunday 2.30 - 5.30pm Closed Tuesdays





An individually selected range of clothing for day wear and special occasions.

Superb range of handbags, shoes and accessories.

36 HIGH STREET, BUDLEIGH SALTERTON.

Tel.: 2045.

THE CREAMERY FORE STREET BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

FARM FRESH:

GOOD SELECTION OF:

-Pate

-French & German Wines

-Cider

-Draught Sherry

-Cream

—Ciders —Rougemont

—Ham

-Eggs

—Gifts

Telephone BS 2064 Open 9.15am to 9.00pm every day Orders Delivered

A J COLES & SONS

Family Butchers
Poulterers and Dairy Produce

11 High Street Budleigh Salterton

Special Price for Deep Freezer orders Telephone 2824 TELEPHONE 03954 2042 BUDLEIGH SALTERTON DEVON



The Feathers

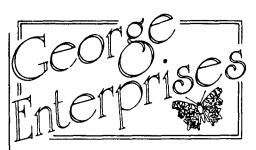
Peter and Sally Deller

DRAUGHT BEERS EXTENSIVE BAR MENU

LISTED IN CAMRA GUIDE WHITBREAD FLOWERS

CARTERS

Estate Agents
Builders
Radio
Television
Electrical Sales and Services
Domestic Hardware
High Street
Budleigh Salterton
Telephone BS 2233



BUTTERFLY COTTAGE. BEHIND HAYES. OTTERTON BUDLEIGH SALTERTON. DEVON EX9 7JQ. ENGLAND TELEPHONE: (0395) 68113

> WISH ICOS HAPPY BIRTHDAY

> > &

EVERY SUCCESS

MIKE &SANDRA

BUYING? SELLING?

